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ANOTHER CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD UNIT RETURNS FROM SOUTHWEST ASIA

HARTFORD, Conn., - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announces that 50 soldiers from the 208th Personnel Service Detachment (PSD) of Niantic arrived at Ft. Benning, Georgia, today from Southwest Asia.

The unit deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and was stationed in Kuwait providing support in managing combat-essential personnel information and providing direct military personnel support to strength managers and commanders.

The 208th PSD was mobilized in October 2004 and departed from Connecticut to Ft. Benning on November 1, 2004 for further training and validation. On December 15, 2004 departed Ft. Benning and arrived in Kuwait to begin their mission.

The demobilization process begins when they arrive at Ft. Benning and anticipate their arrival in Connecticut next week. By April 2006 the unit will be released from active duty.

"It would be a great Christmas holiday for the soldiers and the families of the 208th as we await their return to Connecticut next week," said Martin. "They have done an outstanding job as Connecticut continues to play an integral role in the Global War on Terror."

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Currently, 50 soldiers from G Company, 126th Aviation of Windsor Locks and six soldiers from Detachment 6, U.S. Army Operational Support Airlift Command (OSACOM) of Windsor Locks are stationed in Iraq.